

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Routing Slip

TO:		ACTION	INFO	DATE	INITIAL
1	DCI		X		
2	DDCI		X		
3	EXDIR				
4	D/ICS				
5	DDI		X		
6	DDA				
7	DDO				
8	DDS&T				
9	Chm/NIC				
10	GC		X		
11	IG				
12	Compt				
13	D/EEO				
14	D/Pers				
15	D/OEA	X			
16	C/PAD/OEA				
17	SA/IA				
18	AO/DCI				
19	C/IPD/OIS				
20	<i>NIO/USSR</i>				
21					
22					
SUSPENSE		17 Nov Date			

Remarks:

Please prepare acknowledgment for
DCI's signature.


Executive Secretary

9 November 1982

Date

25X1

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Executive Registry

82-12970

November 8, 1982

The Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

I have introduced S. 2919, a bill to provide funds for Soviet studies. I have introduced this bill with Senator Biden, the ranking minority member on the Subcommittee on European Affairs. The bill proposes to establish an endowment in the Treasury Department with a one-time appropriation of \$50 million. The interest on this principal amount will be provided to the leading umbrella organizations in the field of Soviet studies to help redress our declining capabilities in that area. At current rates of interest, funds approximating four to five million dollars a year would be disbursed.

The Subcommittee on European Affairs received testimony on this subject on September 22. Among those who enthusiastically supported the concept of the bill were Deputy Secretary Stoessel, Admiral Inman, and General Odom. Each testified to the importance of restoring our capability in the field of Soviet studies and to the vital foreign policy, intelligence, and defense needs which this capability will help to meet.

I am well aware of the difficult budget situation which we face. Yet I am persuaded that this project is an important one which is fully justified even in this time of scarce federal resources. The proposal has attracted a broad base of support in the Senate, and I am confident that with Administration backing it could become a reality in the near future. For this reason, I am writing to ask your support for this proposal and for your advocacy in Administration budget discussions. I have enclosed a copy of the bill and a brief summary of the problem which it intends to address. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the bill.

With continuing best wishes.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
Chairman, Subcommittee on
European Affairs

RGL:jbr